



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Somers.

Members Present: Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Streeter

Members Absent: Councilor Johnson and Councilor Watson

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by former Town Councilor Mick O'Beirne.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

None.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Mick O'Beirne, 32 New London Road, Mystic, feels that further discussion is needed before determining what should go into the parklet in downtown Mystic. Fundraising for the John Kelley statue is at about 30%; therefore a decision on its placement does not need to be made immediately. He noted that the group promoting the statue has also requested a permit to place the statue in the Mystic River Park in Stonington. Mr. O'Beirne suggested that the Mystic parklet could commemorate the maritime, seafaring, and shipbuilding history of Mystic. A small group could be established to come up with multiple possibilities for the Council to consider.

Scott Aument, 127 Rogers Road, an RTM member, is concerned by the direction of the Town, specifically declining revenues, increases in mill rates, loss of businesses, employee raises, and the "distressed" designation from the State. He opposes the road ordinance and feels that bonding is not the best way to accomplish the task. Mr. Aument noted that the explanatory text did not mention the \$2.4 million that will be paid in interest.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0302

Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of October 2, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2012-0278 Special Trust Fund Contributions**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Elizabeth Colson - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Eric Essig - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Joan Feeney - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Donna Holmes - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Nancy Jewett - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Peter Minugh - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Donald Mosher - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Kay and Edward Oddie - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
D. T. Painting - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Martin and Solveig Schames - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Earlon and Ann Marie Seeley - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Anthony Spano - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Ramiro Tobar - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Sadie Tremblay - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
City of Groton - \$410.26 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Social Services Discretionary

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**2011-0177 John Kelley Memorial**

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0071 Library/Senior Center Veterans Memorial Plaza

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0154 Historic District Commission Regular Membership

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0200 Adoption of an Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0201 Resolution Authorizing Use of a Description of the Ordinance Changing and Redefining the Voting Districts

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0225 Town Manager Annual Evaluation

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0247 Groton Heights School

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0266 Connection Fund Donation

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0276 Candlewood Road Proposal

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2012-0279 Town Departmental Structure - Revision

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- 2012-0289 Public Hearing on Gravel Street Pump Station Lease**
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- 2012-0300 Agreement with Milone and MacBroom for a Long-Range School Facilities Plan**
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- 2012-0301 Reauthorization of Senior Center Bonds**
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Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Antipas, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.
The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Councilors received emails regarding the budget. They attended a meeting at which citizens were able to give input for the FYE 2014 Budget Process and a Committee of Chairpersons meeting at which Peregrine Energy Group presented an Energy Action Plan for the Town.

Councilor Morton attended the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the Old Mystic Fire Department.

Councilor Flax attended the Fall Festival.

Mayor Somers noted that the next Town Council meeting will be on November 7, 2012.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The next regular RTM meeting will be held on November 14, 2012. Pending the outcome of tonight's meeting, a special RTM meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2012.

c. Clerk of the Council

The election will be held on November 6, 2012. Over 900 applications for absentee ballots have been sent out, with over 300 received back. The Town Clerk explained the process for voting by absentee ballot, and encouraged all citizens to vote in the upcoming election.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that there will be a Flu Shot Clinic at the Senior Center on October 18, 2012; the 3rd Annual Military Appreciation Breakfast will be held on October 19, 2012; the 30th Annual CCM Convention in Hartford will be held on October 23, 2012; and a retirement party for Economic Development Specialist Barbara Strother will be held on November 15, 2012. He noted that there will be a 54 hour closure of the Mystic River Bridge from November 1, 2012, through November 3, 2012.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman Morton

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax

Councilor Flax read the minutes of October 9, 2012, which are on file at the Town Clerk's office.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

Mayor Somers noted that the resolutions on tonight's agenda are a result of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2011-0177 John Kelley Memorial

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PLACING A JOHN KELLEY MEMORIAL STATUE AT THE TOWN-OWNED PARKLET IN DOWNTOWN MYSTIC

WHEREAS, Mr. James Roy, Chairman of the John Kelley Memorial Fund, is leading an effort to establish a memorial to honor the late John Kelley, a two-time Olympian, Fitch High School teacher, winner of the 1957 Boston Marathon and Groton resident, and

WHEREAS, the effort has considered a number of locations for a life-size bronze statue of Mr. Kelley, and

WHEREAS, after meeting with Mr. Roy and his associates, the Town Manager has approached the Town Council about locating the statue at the Town-owned parklet at the corner of Route 1 and Bank Street in downtown Mystic, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its support for locating the John Kelley memorial statue at the parklet, pending additional review of the statute's design and approval of its placement at the parklet.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that this matter be Re-referred to the Town Council Committee of the Whole.

The Town Manager stated that the fundraising group would like to have a specific location in mind for fundraising efforts and the Town would need to be comfortable with the design. He noted that the statue would not be in the circle at the parklet, but off to the side.

Councilors agreed that there is no rush, and it will not hurt to look into other options for the parklet.

The Town Manager remarked that there will be a community information board on the brick building next to the book store as well as some historical information signs as part of the Mystic Streetscape Project. He will provide the Council with the proposed details.

By consensus, the Council would like to have further discussion on this matter and contact the spokesperson for the fundraising group so that he will be able to attend.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Streeter
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Flax

2012-0071

Library/Senior Center Veterans Memorial Plaza

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO ADD A MEMORIAL TO VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WARS TO THE LIBRARY/SENIOR CENTER VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA

WHEREAS, Town Councilor James Streeter has proposed the addition of a memorial stone for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the Veterans Memorial Plaza located at the Library/Senior Center, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Streeter has offered, as a private citizen, to conduct a fundraising effort that would involve selling veteran memorial tiles that would be used to extend the Veterans Memorial Plaza, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Streeter has indicated that he expects proceeds from the fundraising to cover the cost of the memorial stone as well as providing funding for future maintenance and upkeep of the memorial, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its support for Mr. Streeter's efforts to raise funds for a memorial to honor veterans of the Persian Gulf Wars to be located at Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Library/Senior Center.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Schmidt
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Streeter

2012-0225

Town Manager Annual Evaluation

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN MANAGER'S COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the performance of Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger

for the period of 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has rated the Town Manager's overall performance as "exceeds expectations" and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has not received (FYE 08 and FYE 10) nor accepted (FYE 11) a salary increase in three out of the last four prior fiscal years despite consistent performance evaluations resulting in 'exceeds expectations' ratings and has been without the services of an Assistant to the Town Manager for two years (FYE 10), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager shall receive an increase in his annual salary of \$6,500, increasing his salary to \$136,675.00, effective July 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilor Morton, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Somers, Councilor Antipas, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Streeter
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Flax

2012-0266

Connection Fund Donation

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DIRECT THE DONATION MADE BY THE CONNECTION FUND, INC. TO THE ELIHU SPICER TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, The Connection Fund, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)3 status organization that provides supporting housing to moderate and low income families, owns a number of properties in the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Town Council, The Connection Fund, Inc. has presented a donation in lieu of taxes to the Town of Groton in the amount of \$10,000 that has been deposited into the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, in subsequent communication with representatives of The Connection Fund, Inc. they have acknowledged that the Town is free to use the money as it sees fit, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Services has indicated that the Elihu Spicer Trust Fund, a long-time source of financial assistance to Groton families and individuals in need, is rapidly being exhausted due to increased client need and falling interest rates, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the transfer of the \$10,000 donation made by The Connection Fund, Inc. from the General Fund to the Elihu Spicer Fund (73200).

Refer to RTM.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0276

Candlewood Road Proposal

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO USE A SECTION OF CANDLEWOOD ROAD FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Town Council has been approached by a consultant representing a bank that would like to move into the former Tim Horton's site on Candlewood Road, and

WHEREAS, the bank would like to use a section of Candlewood Road for access purposes for the bank location, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed preliminary plans and expressed their comfort with the use of Candlewood Road for private purposes, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to work with the bank and its representatives to develop a plan for formal approval to utilize a section of Candlewood Road for private purposes.

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted.

In answer to Councilor Streeter, the Town Manager noted that the monument to George Washington will remain where it is.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0279 Town Departmental Structure - Revision

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARTS AND TEXTS SHOWING THE TOWN OF GROTON ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, organization charts and accompanying narrative descriptions were approved in August 4, 2009 to show the structure of all Town departments, as an informational supplement to Chapter VII of the Town Charter, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the organization charts will be updated from time to time to reflect the budget and other organizational changes approved by the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the attached updated Town of Groton organization charts and accompanying texts dated October 16, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0289 Public Hearing on Gravel Street Pump Station Lease

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY AT THE GRAVEL STREET PUMP STATION TO HISTORIC MYSTIC, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on a proposed lease of Town-owned property at the Gravel Street Pump Station to Historic Mystic, LLC on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0290 Referral of Gravel Street Pump Station Lease to Planning Commission Under CGS Section 8-24

RESOLUTION REFERRING THE GRAVEL STREET PUMP STATION PROPOSED LEASE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a proposed lease between the Town of Groton and Historic Mystic, LLC for a portion of the Town-owned Gravel Street Pump Station site, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council refers the proposed lease of a portion of the Gravel Street Pump Station site to the Groton Planning Commission pursuant to CGS 8-24.

A motion was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Antipas, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2012-0291 Appointment of Donna Brewer to Historic District Commission, 2012-0292 Appointment of Sarah Moriarty as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission, 2012-0296 Reappointment of John McGee to Jabez Smith House Committee, 2012-0297 Reappointment of Ann Sloan Rankin to Harbor Management Commission, 2012-0298 Reappointment of James Loughlin Jr. to Cable TV Advisory Council, 2012-0299 Reappointment of Roger Roy to Cable TV Advisory Council was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton and so voted unanimously.

2012-0291 Appointment of Donna Brewer to Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DONNA BREWER AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Donna Brewer, 26 Academy Lane, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/15.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0292 Appointment of Sarah Moriarty as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH MORIARTY AS A REGULAR MEMBER (FROM AN ALTERNATE MEMBER) TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Sarah D. Moriarty, 30 Fishers View Drive, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0296 Reappointment of John McGee to Jabez Smith House Committee

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN MCGEE TO THE JABEZ SMITH HOUSE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that John McGee, 95 Soundbreeze Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Jabez Smith House Committee for a term expiring 9/7/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0297 Reappointment of Ann Sloan Rankin to Harbor Management Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANN SLOAN RANKIN TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Ann Sloan Rankin, 25 Spring Street, is hereby reappointed to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 9/1/14.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0298 Reappointment of James Loughlin Jr. to Cable TV Advisory Council

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES J. LOUGHLIN, JR. TO THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that James J. Loughlin, Jr., 35 West Mystic Avenue, Mystic, is hereby reappointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 7/1/13.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0299 Reappointment of Roger Roy to Cable TV Advisory Council

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROGER ROY TO THE CABLE TV ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that Roger A. Roy 300 Brandegee Avenue, #200, is hereby reappointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council for a term ending 7/1/13.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Morton, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0300 Agreement with Milone and MacBroom for a Long-Range School Facilities Plan

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MILONE AND MACBROOM FOR A LONG-RANGE SCHOOL FACILITIES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town Council is planning to establish a School Facilities Initiative Task Force to provide recommendations for the design of a school system that reflects the Town's long-term vision and takes into consideration educational programs, budgets, facilities, and demographic changes, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will require the assistance of a professional consultant to accomplish its goals in an effective and timely manner, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Milone and MacBroom is currently working closely with Groton Public Schools on a redistricting plan and also working with the Town's Office of Planning and Development Services on the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development, and

WHEREAS, Milone and MacBroom will generate data from these two efforts that places them in a unique position to assist the School Facilities Initiative Task Force, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed a detailed Scope of Services (MMI #4908-01) prepared by Milone and MacBroom dated September 24, 2012 with a lump sum fee of \$40,000 and the Town Council and RTM have appropriated \$75,000 in a FYE 2013 capital improvement project to define a plan addressing the needs of Groton's public schools, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the above-noted Scope of Services and enter into an agreement with Milone and MacBroom for a long-range school facilities plan with the understanding that the effort will not begin until January 2013.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2012-0301 Reauthorization of Senior Center Bonds

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR GROTON SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 269 at referendum on November 6, 2007, which appropriated \$11,770,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for renovations and additions to Groton Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time said Ordinance became effective provided that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that certain additional expenditures remain to be made or financed for the project that cannot be expended or financed by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation

be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$11,770,000 which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to complete the financing of the Groton Senior Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$11,770,000 appropriation which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended or financed as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 269, plus the portion which is reappropriated, shall not exceed \$11,770,000.

Refer to RTM under Rule 6.5.3.

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Flax, that this matter be Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3 to the Representative Town Meeting, due back on November 6, 2012.

In answer to Councilor Flax, the Town Manager noted that the bonding attorney prepared this resolution. The approved amount for the Groton Senior Center (Ordinance No. 269) was \$11,770,000, and the project will not exceed that amount.

The Town Manager stated that out of the \$11,770,000 authorized for this project, \$8,925,000 has already been bonded, additional expenses of \$371,000 need to be bonded, and the entire project will be approximately \$2.4 million under budget.

The motion carried unanimously

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. was made by Councilor Peruzzotti, seconded by Councilor Morton and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant